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Hongkong, March 25, 1885.

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Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

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EDWARD W. MITCHELL.
Canton, 10th April, 1885.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, April 26, 1885.

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MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
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Hongkong, April 15, 1885.

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Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

1885, DOLLAR LOAN.

AUTHORIZED by the IMPERIAL

GOVERNMENT of CHINA and in

conformity with Decree Issued by the

TSUNG-LI YAMEN, or GENERAL FOR-

CEIN OFFICE, at PEKING, and officially

communicated to the CHARTERED BANK

OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, & CHINA,

HONGKONG, through the BRITISH LEGA-

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January, 1885.

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Currency, Equivalent of TAKES 4,000,000

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excepting one for \$200.14 Hongkong Curren-

cy, bearing interest at 8 per cent. per annum.

The CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

guarantees the repayment of this Loan

within three years from the nineteenth day

of January, 1886, and has pledged as

security therefor and for the payment of

the interest, the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTO-

MES REVENUES of the Kwangtung or Canton

Province, and further, have made the

Bonds issued for the payment of this Loan

receivable, if not taken up and paid at due

date thereof, in payment of Customs

duties, export and import, throughout the

Kwangtung or Canton Province, as appears

by the following extract from the agree-

ment entered into between the CHINESE

IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT and the CHARTERED

BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA and CHINA, viz:

"In the event of the non-payment at due

date by the CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN-

MENT of any instalment of principal or in-

terest, or of any part thereof, the Bonds

drawn and payable on that date and not

paid shall thereupon become due and payable

and receivable in payment of Customs

duties either export or import, or both, at

any port or place in the Kwangtung Pro-

vince, and all Officers of the IMPERIAL

MARITIME CUSTOMS shall be directed, and

are hereby authorized to receive them for

the full value.

Further the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTO-

MES ORIGINALLY agreed to pay the Bonds

drawn and payable on that date in

order to avoid the expense of

removing the discharge or remaining

on board of the Undersigned, and to make

the Bonds available for the Undersigned

to draw on them for their use.

The CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

are hereby informed that the Bonds

are being landed at their risk into the

Godowns of the Undersigned,

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 6794. — MAY 7, 1885.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

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No. 6794.—MAY 7, 1885.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
TAQUEDOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADM. SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK, LONDON, AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 14th May, 1885, at noon, the Company's S.S. YANGTSE, Commandant Lourenco, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 738

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F. E. FOSTER, Agent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1885. 724

Intimations.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH MORNING STAR runs DAILY as a FERRY-BOAT between Padda's Wharf and Tsim-Tsa-Tsui at the following hours:

WEEK DAYS.		SUNDAYS.	
Leaves K'loon.	Leaves K'loon.	Leaves K'loon.	Leaves K'loon.
6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
8.00	8.30	7.30	8.00
8.50	9.00	9.00	10.15
9.40	10.15	11.00	NOON.
10.45	12.30 P.M.	1.00	1.00
12.45 P.M.	1.00	1.30	2.00
1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00
2.20	3.00	3.30	4.00
3.20	4.00	4.30	5.00
4.15	4.30	4.45	5.10
5.10	5.30	5.50	6.10
5.25	5.40	5.55	6.10
6.15	6.30	6.30	7.00
6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30
7.15	7.30		

* There will be no Launch on Monday and Friday on account of cooling.

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of stress of weather, due notice will be given of any stoppage.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

THIS paper is now issued every day. The price is fixed at Four Dollars per annum, delivered in Hongkong, or Two Dollars Forty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, testing their estimates upon the most reliable information from American, English, Chinese, French, and other places frequented by the Chinese, consider themselves justified in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing circulation. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

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Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packages of newspapers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together, one, nor must any writing be inserted except on the Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the same be paid at Book Rate. Price Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article, may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction or loss, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Misdeeds or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been mislaid or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* [] or *Received at* [] p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing, whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be acted on the first time of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and } 2 cents per 2 oz.

Com. Papers, } 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

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Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Taku Straits, Letters, 10 cents.

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